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NASHUA RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK LARCENY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and William Chase, the Acting Special Agent-In-Charge for the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that Stephanie Acorn, a resident of Nashua, New Hampshire and former employee of Citizens Bank in Nashua, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty to bank larceny in United States District Court.

During the court hearing, a federal prosecutor informed United States District Court Judge Paul Barbadoro that Acorn used a variety of means to steal more than \$12,000 from the bank, including: stealing money from the bank's general ledger account; stealing money from the accounts of some of the bank's customers; and establishing a loan in the name of a bank customer without informing the customer, and using the proceeds for her (Acorn's) personal benefit.

Acorn, who is 26, could receive a prison sentence of up to ten years. She may also be fined up to \$250,000. She is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Barbadoro on June 27, 2003.

After today's court proceeding, U. S. Attorney Colantuono said, "I will aggressively prosecute all cases that involve the theft of money from federally insured banks." Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert Kinsella prosecuted this case.